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Upon instructions from our respective Governments, we have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a Joint Communiqué issued by the Iraqi and Russian sides on Thursday, 13 October 1994, after the meeting held between H.E. Mr. Saddam Hussein, President of the Republic of Iraq and H.E. Mr. Andrei Kozyrev, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

We should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

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JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ ON THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING IN BAGHDAD

On 13 October 1994, Mr. Saddam Hussein, President of Iraq, received Mr. Andrei Kozyrev, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, who had come to Iraq on the instructions of the President of the Russian Federation, Mr. Boris Yeltsin.

In the course of the meeting, the situation in the Gulf region and the current state of Russian-Iraqi relations were discussed.

The Russian Federation advocated the adoption of decisive measures to prevent an escalation of the tension and to resume the political and diplomatic efforts that would ultimately bring security and real stability to the region, the lifting of the sanctions against Iraq and the establishment of good-neighbourly relations between Iraq and Kuwait.

A number of specific measures to build confidence among the States of the region, removing mutual suspicion and creating a climate of trust, were discussed.

Iraq announced officially that at 2100 hours on 12 October it had completed the withdrawal of its troops to rearguard positions. The Russian Federation expressed its warm appreciation of this step on the part of Iraq.

Iraq affirmed its readiness to resolve in a positive manner the issue of recognizing Kuwait's sovereignty and borders, as laid down in Security Council resolution 833 (1993).

Following Iraq's official recognition of Kuwait's sovereignty and borders, the Russian Federation will support the official start of the long-term monitoring provided for in Security Council resolution 715 (1991) and the simultaneous initiation of a limited test period, which in the Russian Federation's opinion should not exceed six months, to verify the effectiveness of the monitoring, after which the Security Council will take a decision concerning the implementation of paragraph 22 of Security Council resolution 687 (1991) in its entirety, without imposing further conditions. The Russian Federation affirms that, subject to Iraq's implementation of the relevant Security Council resolutions, it will advocate the lifting of other sanctions.

Iraq confirmed its willingness to continue its cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross in investigating the fate of missing Kuwaiti nationals. Mr. Kozyrev indicated the special interest of the Russian Federation in this humanitarian issue.